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SPECIAL AUDITORS MAKE RECORD OF COUNCIL

Gross Carelessness of Various City Officers Shown by Harris and Hollingsworth.

Deficit During the Past Two Years--How the Councilmen Rewarded Themselves and Friends.

Since February last R. C. Harris and C. R. Hollingsworth have been engaged as special auditors, appointed at the instance of Mayor William Glasman, in investigating the affairs of Ogden City during Glasman's last term, 1904 and 1905. Their report was completed yesterday and last evening given to the city council.

Their salient features are the slipshod method of conducting city affairs; that was disclosed, the tendency of the council to give itself and its friends extra pay, and the fact that there was a deficit during that period.

In beginning their report the auditors claim the completeness of their investigation, which has been in progress since Feb. 22 last. The examination was complete and covered every expenditure of the city during the past two years.

In seeking authority for all disbursements, the auditors found no authority of the city council at all existing for the making of the disbursements, in other words, the total amount of the disbursements as authorized by the city council and the total amount of the disbursements as actually made, were not the same.

Street department pay-roll allowed Jan. 2, 1905, appears on the minutes of the city council as being for \$43.20, whereas the actual pay-roll for that month was \$43.70.

Warrant No. 51,395, in favor of J. P. O'Neill, was actually for \$3,100.50, while the minutes of Aug. 5, 1905, show the amount authorized by the council to be \$3,100.

Warrant No. 51,395 to \$2,002 special pay-roll, police department, aggregate \$132.45, whereas, on Aug. 5, 1905, the same was allowed by the council for \$132.

Warrant No. 51,485, in favor of J. H. Spargo, is \$29.90, but the minutes of the council Aug. 1, 1904, is \$74.45.

Warrant No. 52,549, in favor of W. G. Wilson, is \$299.27, but the minutes of the council show that the amount was \$299.27, while the record of any allowance of same by the city council.

City engineer's pay-roll, covered by warrants No. 52,133 to \$2,304, aggregating \$2,130.30, we fail to find any record of the allowance of the pay-roll by the city council.

Warrant No. 52,396, in favor of L. C. Spargo, \$24,000, is dated Dec. 1904, while the minutes of the city council of that date show the presentation and reference of the warrant to a committee, and the minutes of Dec. 12, 1904, show the report of the committee and the allowance, and payment ordered of the claim.

A miscellaneous lot of claims was paid by warrants No. 52,822 to \$3,877, same dated Jan. 30, 1905, while the records of the council show that the amount was \$3,877, and that the amount was paid on Feb. 6, 1905.

Two payments of interest upon bonds of \$1,000.00 each, were made by warrants dated Jan. 15, 1905, while the city council allowed and authorized the payment of same on Jan. 23, 1905.

Warrant No. 57,075, for payment of interest upon city bonds, is for \$1,000.50, while the city council minutes of Oct. 23, 1905, show the amount to be \$1,200.

Limit in Carelessness.

We cannot find words strong enough with which to criticize the very careless manner in which the claims, vouchers and pay-rolls were generally prepared, audited, certified, verified and considered by the city council, approved by the mayor and finally paid by the city auditor. From Jan. 1, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1905, 9,480 warrants were issued by the city auditor, and this will give an idea of the corresponding number of vouchers, claims and pay-rolls. We are absolutely sure saying that not one per cent of the total number are complete and free from objection. The law required all claims to be fully itemized and to be verified and certified by the officer receiving the material or ordering the service rendered. The city auditor, in auditing same, and before presentation to the city council the claim should be considered and approved by the city committee. The action of the city council as to allowance or rejection should be noted on each claim, and the signature of the city recorder. Next, they should be presented to the mayor for his endorsement, then, as required by law, he should endorse his signature on the claim or pay-roll, then on their return to the city auditor warrants are drawn in payment.

A most deplorable disregard of any uniform system respecting these claims and vouchers and pay-rolls is most apparent. In fact, in many instances no conception at all of the duties resting upon a public officer seems to have existed. For example, page of this report could be used in citing claim after claim, pay-roll after pay-roll, which in fact are not claims or pay-rolls at all. We, however, beg to call your attention to the following, which illustrates generally the conditions that do not bear the signature of the mayor, has no notation thereon by the city recorder showing its allowance by the city council.

Payrolls Not Verified.

Pay-roll after pay-roll, particularly of the police and street departments, are not verified or certified at all.

Again, we find a claim, No. 52,381, P. W. Nicholson, \$80, which states: "Six minutes of council held." This claim is not itemized, verified, certified, audited, allowed by the council, approved by the mayor or received.

Claim 52,355, W. L. Maginnis, says: "Retainer, etc. \$250." It bears no notation whatever showing it ever to have been allowed by the council and was not approved by the mayor.

Pay-roll covered by warrants 58,889 to

to those entered on the auditor's warrant register. Of course due allowance must be made at all times for unavoidable clerical errors, but we submit that such care was exercised in comparing the amount of the warrant with the amount on the register, as to be so grossly careless.

Extra compensation refunded: The books of the city treasurer show that of the above appropriations the following have been refunded:

H. P. Randall, councilman	\$150.00
A. H. Moyes, councilman	100.00
W. Emmett, councilman	100.00
F. W. Chambers, councilman	100.00
Warrants for extra compensation in behalf of auditor	100.00
T. H. Carr, councilman	100.00
H. P. Randall, councilman	100.00
A. H. Moyes, councilman	100.00
Max Davidson, councilman	100.00

The warrant above referred to in favor of J. C. Nye, it appears was delivered by the auditor to Mr. Nye, property received for, and afterwards returned to the auditor and the receipt cancelled. The warrant in favor of Davidson, it is shown, was delivered to Mr. Davidson, receipted for, presented to the treasurer and paid, bearing the cancellation stamp of the city treasurer. It appears, however, that some time after the cancellation stamp of the city treasurer was erased, the warrant returned to the city auditor and the receipt on the claim erased.

Extra Compensation, Recommendations.

It is questionable if the city council has authority to make such payments of extra compensation, and we therefore suggest that a judicial decision be procured, and the amount of the payments be without warrant of law, then all of the amounts so appropriated, less the amount already refunded, should be covered back into the city treasury, and the warrants still awaiting delivery by the council.

Double Pay for Recorder.

Notary Fees--Under a resolution of the city council adopted prior to 1904, the city recorder, W. J. Critchlow, was allowed \$5 per month for services as notary public, and \$5 per month for services as city recorder. In 1904 and 1905 Mr. Critchlow presented his claim for these services and was paid by the city.

City hall betterments and improvements... 3,940.23-\$15,209.58
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Police department, furniture, fixtures, etc... 1,115.05
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Street department, implements and tools... 7,183.03
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Public parks, implements and tools... 778.52
Cemetery, sexton's property, fixtures and equipment... 40.75
Stocks, fixtures and equipment... 1,161.10-\$3,012.19

Cash in the different funds, delinquent taxes, special taxes due and accounts receivable, bring the total book assets of the city to \$721,035.70.

Liabilities of \$19,275.87 are bonded indebtedness, total \$389,468.24, making an apparent margin of assets over liabilities of \$531,557.83.

Liabilities not included, the principal of which are bond interest, due Dec. 31, 1905, \$3,857.49, and dividend on bonds, due Dec. 31, 1905, \$158.80. The net assets over liabilities on Dec. 31, 1905, are given as \$4,844.57, as against net assets of \$19,275.87.

The report states that the deficit during 1904 and 1905 was \$1,491.87.

Under the heading "payment of extra compensation," the report says:

Extra Pay for Insiders.

From our examination, we find that the following appropriations were made by the council and mayor in 1904 and 1905, in excess of the salaries and compensation fixed by ordinance:

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W. R. Emmett, councilman	50.00
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Total... \$3,165.00

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Standard Bills Paid Without Approval.

The claims of the Standard Publishing company for publishing sundry legal notices, etc., are subject to criticism because of not being in many instances properly certified, verified, audited and because of not bearing any notation as to their allowance and being ordered paid by the council and not approved by the mayor.

Claim 51,892, \$124.55, Standard Publishing company, was not approved by any city officer nor by the mayor.

Claim 53,037, Standard Publishing company, \$209.00, was not certified, verified, allowed or approved.

These claims were not itemized so as to show the number and name of the issue, the amount thereof, the rate of interest and the period for which the interest about to be paid covers.

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ceedings against Mr. S. Browning et al. The plaintiff seeks to condemn a right of way for the line over what was formerly the old Farr farm. Mr. S. Browning is one of the officers of the Ogden Trust company, which is now constructing a line to the same point. A bitterly contested case will likely result.

DEATH OF DR. LYMAN SKEEN

One of Best Known Physicians of Weber County Expires After Lingering Illness.

Shortly before 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon, Dr. Lyman Skeen, jr., died at the home of his brother, J. D. Skeen, 2338 Madison avenue, after a lingering illness. The immediate cause of death was tubercular spinal meningitis. During the last two weeks of his illness Dr. Skeen was confined to his bed and for the past week he had been conscious at rare intervals.

For more than a year he had been afflicted with spinal trouble, but the true nature of the disease was not known until he was last confined to his bed prior to his death. To other physicians and his closest friends he intimated that his illness was due to rheumatism. For several

months past he had been unable to ride in his carriage and was obliged to give up his out-of-town patients. Not until the morning of Sunday, July 13, 1905, did he give up his office practice.

Dr. Skeen was one of the ablest and best known physicians prior to 1904. He was a fine scholar and loved his profession. He was a native of Weber county, and came to Ogden at an early age, securing his medical education here while residing here. He was not yet 25 years of age and was unmarried. His death had been expected for some time, but each time that he was thought to be passing away he would rally, although during the past few weeks he was unconscious almost the entire time.

Lyman Skeen, jr., was born in Plain City, Mo., July 13, 1880. He received his education in the public schools of Ogden, afterward attending the Brigham Young college at Logan, and the University of Utah. For two years he taught school in Plain City, and in 1893 he came to Ogden, where he was employed as a janitor in the city hall. He had been at this institution but about two years when his ability was recognized by the city council, and he was appointed instructor. Later he was made assistant professor of biology. He took special courses in medicine at Boston, New York and Baltimore, completing his studies at the University of Berlin, Germany, with the degree of Ph. D. In 1903 he returned to Ogden and took up the practice of medicine and has practiced here since that time, building up a large practice.

He was a member of the Utah Mining company and the Chipewna Mining company of Mexico. He, together with his father, Lyman Skeen, jr., owned a number of large land propositions in Idaho.

Dr. Skeen is survived by five brothers and two sisters, Dr. J. D. Skeen, Dr. D. Skeen and Mrs. L. R. Carver. Electa Skeen, Mary E. Rawson and Isabella Skeen. His mother died in April, 1905. The father, Lyman Skeen, jr., is mourning his demise.

Funeral services will be held from the Ogden mortuary at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Friends desiring to view the remains may do so between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. at the residence of J. D. Skeen, 2338 Madison avenue. Interment will be in the Plain City cemetery.

COMMISSIONS TALK TROUT

H. S. Carver Will Sprinkle Ogden Canyon This Summer.

The county commissioners met yesterday afternoon and transacted considerable routine business. Commissioner W. G. Wilson reported upon the saving of trout fry through the purchase of a number of cans and nets by the county a few weeks ago. He said that forty pounds of fry were saved from the Flumby ditch, all of which ranged in size from eight to twenty inches. One thousand small trout fry were gathered from this ditch and the entire catch was planted in the North fork of the Ogden river.

S. Carver was given the contract for sprinkling the Ogden canyon road this season at a salary of \$80 per month. There were 19 bids received, but Carver's bid was the lowest. The matter of purchasing voting machines was discussed at length and the matter was referred to Commissioner Joseph Stanford, who will confer with the mayor and members of the Ogden city council and Sanitary Inspector A. G. Folkmann, janitor of the county court house, proved his patriotism by cutting the commissioners' attention to the fact that Decoration day was approaching and that the county court house was in need of a new flag. He asked that a new flag be purchased, and the matter was referred to Commissioner Stanford with power to act.

Travelers' Bill Tossers.

The material from which the baseball team to represent the local lodge in the contest with the Rio Grande team at the convention of the United Commercial Travelers on June 8, in this city, will be selected from the following: John Wilson, Moore, Rudiger, Thomas, Allen, Frank Purdy, George Wessler, Sandy Baker, William J. Peterson, Carr, Grant, Walter Herick, M. S. Stone, Frank Schuler, Keller, E. N. Mueselman, Phil Kuley and Joseph Wessler.

GOES TO NEW COMPANY.

O. B. Gilson Quits Rio Grande for Union Portland Cement.

O. B. Gilson, who has had the position of agent for the Rio Grande Portland Cement for the past seven years, has tendered his resignation to that company and has been appointed assistant manager of the Union Portland Cement company. He will take up his new duties at once. For years prior to becoming agent at Ogden Mr. Gilson entered the service of the Rio Grande Western. Since coming to this

city he has demonstrated his ability as a first-class railroad man. He has served for one year as president of the local club, to which position he was recently re-elected. So far as can be learned his successor here has not been named.

DON'T LIKE THE REPORT

Glasman, Craig and Critchlow Object to Criticisms in Special Auditors' Report.

Former Mayor William Glasman, City Recorder William Critchlow and President of the City Council William Craig have a strenuous time at the council meeting last evening immediately after the report of the special auditors committee, R. C. Harris and C. R. Hollingsworth, had been submitted. In his palmest days as mayor of Ogden City Glasman was not more in evidence. Everything seemed to have been cut and dried to bulldoze the special auditors. In this work the former city executive found two good allies in Recorder Critchlow and President Craig.

During the reading of the report Glasman was a contemptuous smile, and on one occasion got so enthusiastic as to call all his hands customers who he insisted that the auditors were not telling facts, and while the report embodied some good remarks, he said they had gone too far. He then butted into the council's business by suggesting that the report be referred to the auditors.

The city recorder made light of the severe criticism that was made of his office by the auditors. He spoke of the insinuating remarks. At the conclusion of the document he said "Amen." He immediately thumped the floor and offered to bring proof before the council that would show some light of a different color. The allegations made in the report, this proof was not given. A number of committee reports which had been endorsed by the council as well as the report of the auditors, were stepped forward, however, was that the auditors' warrants were not properly endorsed.

Glasman was the next to speak, and his own defense, and insisted that the report was very nice in referring to him at all as his customer, and he stepped forward, and while the report embodied some good remarks, he said they had gone too far. He then butted into the council's business by suggesting that the report be referred to the auditors.

C. R. Hollingsworth, one of the auditors, was the next to speak. He insisted that the report was fair and square, and he was not opposed to any criticism that might be offered. The most significant remark made by him was that the minutes or records of the council have been corrected since we made our report, all of which he speaks for itself.

A debate then followed, and warm words were exchanged between those taking part. Glasman was permitted to butt in and assist President Craig and Recorder Critchlow to bulldoze Mr. Hollingsworth. Mr. Craig especially became excited, finally Mr. Harris stepped forward and stopped the school boy play by issuing a challenge to any member of the council to trip to Colorado points.

After a motion to refer the report to the mayor had failed, it was referred to the finance committee.

Saloon Men Arrested.

Hansen & Wertz and Garner & Wells, saloon proprietors, were placed under arrest yesterday for operating slot machines. The accused were given until this morning to prepare their cases. The auditors made it plain that the feasibility of removing slot and card machines from saloons, instead of permitting them to remain with their faces turned to the wall.

Sevier Makes Shipment.

The Sevier Consolidated Mining company made its initial shipment of bullion through the First National bank of Ogden yesterday. The property of this company is located near Richfield, Utah, and a number of Ogden people are interested in the mine.

WILL RETURN TO WORK.

Hamburg, May 14--The striking sailors at Altona have voted to return to work.

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